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In re Application of  
Carl R. Merrill et al.  
Application No. 09/835,537  
Filed: April 16, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. PNC-004

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 20, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner in reply to the non-final Office action mailed January 14, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on April 15, 2002.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34, the signature of Peter F. Corless appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he acts. If Peter F. Corless desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, an appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. Nevertheless, all future correspondence will be directed solely to the address of record until otherwise instructed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1616 for further processing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Latrice Bond".

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